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Title : **FLUORESCENT GROUP-CONTAINING CARBODIIMIDE  
COMPOUND PRECURSOR, FLUORESCENT GROUP-CONTAINING  
CARBODIIMIDE COMPOUND AND METHODS FOR  
PRODUCING THEM**  
  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants herewith file a Preliminary Amendment for entry with this divisional application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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